GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FOREIGN LOAN FOR SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.K. and other foreign countries including World Bank/UNESCO provide financial assistance for educational programmes launched under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and District Primary Education Programme(DPEP) in the country;

(b) if so, the details and foreign assistance received during each of the last three years, country/organization- wise;

(c) whether the said amount is actually spent on these programmes;

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the programmes being run by the State Governments; and

(e) if so, when the said review was carried out alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (e): United Kingdom(U.K.) {Department for International Development (DFID)}, World Bank (WB) and European Commission (EC) have been providing partial financial assistance for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) from 2003-04 to 2006. The World Bank is funding DPEP in Rajasthan & the DFID of UK is funding DPEP in Orissa currently. Funding from theses agencies is received on reimbursement basis.

The reimbursement claimed by GOI from these agencies in the last three years is as follows: -

SSA Amount reimbursed by the funding agency
(Rupees in crore)

Funding agency	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
UK (DFID)	425.94	504.12	434.80
World Bank	621.71	1133.71	477.76
European Commission	-	704.15	179.35
DPEP			
World Bank	431.09	400.05	65.72
UK (DFID)	197.90	148.57	51.41

The external funding agencies along with Indian experts, review the implementation of these programmes through six monthly Joint Review Missions (JRM). The last JRM for SSA was conducted in July'07 and for the DPEP in September 2007. The last JRM's for both the programmes have found the programmes to be on track.